

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to application filed May 11, 2001.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33.
3. The drawings filed on 11 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date July 12, 2004
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Larry Sewell on March 04, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Claims

Claim 1, in line 23, replace "vector" with - -structure- -.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-33 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a context switch and controller block operable to retrieve latest state-specific context information from a context storage area based on the SAP and CID and a generic state logic program structure operable to process at least a portion of the input event structure based on the latest state-specific context information to generate next-state context information and at least an output event vector including at least one SAP and at least one CID associated with a select destination point to which the next-state context information is to be routed, wherein the next-state context information is operable to be

stored in the context storage area based on a storage SAP and CID provided in the input event structure, as specified in independent claims 1 and 27.

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a context memory block disposed between link control processor and data transfer controller for storing state-specific context information based on a service access point (SAP) and a connection identifier (CID) associated with at least one of the protocol stack layers across at least one active connection maintained by the application node in the network; the context information for personalizing the generic state processing architecture to effectuate functionality of a select protocol stack layer, as specified in independent claim 19.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wright et al (US Patent No. 6,101,599) discloses system for context switching between processing elements in a pipeline of processing elements.

Minami et al (US Pub 2004/0081202 A1) discloses a communication processor.

Boucher et al (US Pub 2002/0161919 A1) discloses fast-path processing for receiving data on TCP connection offload devices.

Noll et al (US Pub 2002/0010793 A1) discloses method and apparatus for performing frame processing for a network.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh-Vu H Ly whose telephone number is 571-272-3175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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